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Sir:

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1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$3,080.00 to cover: \$2,160.00 for five (5) months extension of time, \$790.00 for RCE filing fee; and \$130.00 for suspension of action fee (37 CFR 1.17(i));
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
4. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
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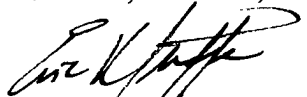
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